



**Public Employees  
Insurance Agency**

**FORMULARY UPDATE**  
**Important: Please Read Carefully**

Dear Valued Member:

This letter describes updates to the Advantra Freedom formulary, effective July 1, 2009. Advantra Freedom will continue to administer the pharmacy benefits for PEIA retirees through December 31, 2009.

The Advantra Freedom formulary is the list of drugs covered by your pharmacy benefit plan. It is a good idea to take the formulary with you when you see your doctor. That way, your doctor can prescribe drugs that are covered on the formulary and will know which drugs are on the lower tiers. These drugs have the lowest co-pays.

The formulary updates are listed below. They include:

- New drugs added to the formulary; and
- Current drugs moving to a lower tier

The updates also include:

- Current drugs that will move to a higher tier; and
- Drugs being removed from the formulary

**Please check to see if the drugs you take are on the list. If you are taking a drug that is being moved to a higher tier or removed from the formulary, please contact your physician to discuss the listed alternatives.**

**Additions and Moves to Lower Tiers Effective July 1, 2009**

<b><u>Drug Name</u></b>	<b><u>Formulary Change</u></b>
propranolol ER	Lowered from Tier 3 to Tier 1
oxybutynin ER	Lowered from Tier 3 to Tier 1
budeprion XL (step therapy required)	Lowered from Tier 3 to Tier 1
tramadol/acetaminophen	Lowered from Tier 3 to Tier 1
oxcarbazepine (prior authorization required)	Lowered from Tier 3 to Tier 1
mirtazapine ODT	Lowered from Tier 3 to Tier 1
paroxetine ER	Lowered from Tier 3 to Tier 1
Generic Razadyne (galantamine)	Lowered from Tier 3 to Tier 1
glycopyrrolate	Lowered from Tier 3 to Tier 1
clarithromycin ER	Lowered from Tier 3 to Tier 1
Generic Zyrtec OTC (cetirizine OTC)	Added to formulary for \$0 copay

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oxazepam (quantity limits apply)	Added to Tier 1
codeine sulfate	Added to Tier 1
Prosed/DS	Added to Tier 3
Repliva (quantity limits apply)	Added to Tier 3
Tussionex	Added to Tier 3
Triactin	Added to Tier 3

**Removals and Moves to Higher Tiers Effective July 1, 2009**

<b><u>Drug Name</u></b>	<b><u>Formulary Change</u></b>	<b><u>Preferred Alternatives</u></b>
Zetia	Moved from Tier 2 to Tier 3	simvastatin on Tier 1 and Vytorin on Tier 2
Proair	Moved from Tier 1 to Tier 2	No generic inhalers available
Avelox	Moved from Tier 2 to Tier 3	ciprofloxacin and azithromycin on Tier 1
Fosamax D	Moved from Tier 2 to Tier 3	Generic Fosamax (alendronate) on Tier 1
Nasacort	Moved from Tier 2 to Tier 3	fluticasone on Tier 1 and Nasonex on Tier 2
Lotrel	Moved brand strengths from Tier 2 to Tier 3	Generic strengths, amlodipine, and benazepril on Tier 1
Innopran XL	Moved from Tier 2 to Tier 3	propranolol ER and propranolol on Tier 1
Accolate	Moved from Tier 2 to Tier 3	Singulair on Tier 2
QVAR	Moved from Tier 2 to Tier 3	Asmanex and Flovent on Tier 2
Altoprev	Moved from Tier 1 to Tier 3	lovastatin on Tier 1
Relpax	Moved from Tier 2 to Tier 3	Generic Imitrex on Tier 1 and Maxalt on Tier 2
Aceon	Moved from Tier 2 to Tier 3	lisinopril, benazepril, and enalapril on Tier 1
Creon	Moved from Tier 2 to Tier 3	Viokase and Ultrase on Tier 2
Invega	Moved from Tier 2 to Tier 3	risperidone on Tier 1
Concerta	Moved from Tier 2 to Tier 2	methylphenidate on Tier 1
Aromasin	Moved from Tier 2 to Tier 3	Arimidex on Tier 2
Testim	Removed from Formulary	Androgel (PA required) on Tier 2
Zegerid	Removed from Formulary	Prilosec OTC covered with \$0 copay, omeprazole on Tier 1, Nexium and Protonix on Tier 2

If you or your physician have any questions about the Advantra Freedom formulary, please call Advantra Freedom Customer Service at 1-877-337-4178. Hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. We are here to serve you!

Sincerely,

Advantra Freedom Pharmacy Department